

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-2. (canceled).
3. (previously presented): A coating containing the strain of microorganism according to Claim 11.
4. (canceled).
5. (previously presented): A coating film containing the strain of microorganism according to Claim 11.
- 6-10. (canceled).
11. (currently amended): A strain of microorganism belonging to the genus *Alteromonas* growing in seawater, not growing in 1% NaCl, and having the ability to produce a biojelly insoluble in seawater, which is FERM BP-7623.